

TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING 995
MINUTES
Mayor's Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall
Monday, June 30, 2014

Call to Order. Called to order at 10:03am by Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

Traffic Board Member Present: Gary Holmes, Commissioner of Public Works; Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Philip T. Krey, City Engineer; William Yeager, Assistant Police Chief; Bill Berg, Councilman

Traffic Board Members Absent: None

Also Present: Daniel Correll, Police Sergeant (Retired); Katherine Davis, Principal Clerk; William Lescault, Police Officer; Leigh Mc Cullen, City Planner; David Petryszyn, Police Sergeant

ITEMS CONSIDERED

Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes from Traffic Board Meeting 994, held on Thursday May 15, 2014. Moved by Berg, seconded by Yeager.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: Berg, Holmes, Kraham, Krey, Yeager

Nays: None

Absent: None

Speed Sign Placement. Mr. Holmes reported the non-enforcement pricing on the batter powered 12 inched speed signs is \$2,875. These are the pole mounted signs. The cost is \$495 more for a mobile mount. Item held.

Charles Street Sidewalk. A request was made asking to have the City review the sidewalk on Charles Street as it appears to be unsafe for pedestrian use. Mr. Krey noted that if there is enough money in the budget this year for a concrete sidewalk they will install it, if not the sidewalk will be asphalt. Item held.

Charles Street Park Speed Sign. The Traffic Division request the Traffic Code to be amended to include a Park Speed Zone for the First Ward Park on Charles Street from May Street to Seymour Street. This area is in front of and adjacent to a soft ball field, child play park and public swimming pool on the west side of the street and a parking area for the park on the east side of the street. It is presently posted as a thirty mile speed city wide speed zone but does meet the standards to have that speed reduced to twenty-five miles per hour in advance of the park in both directions as listed in NYS Manual of Uniformed Traffic Control Devices.

Amendment to the Traffic Code:

Insert: *Section 11D* *Park Speed Limit* *Charles Street – from May Street to Seymour Street*

Moved by Berg, seconded by Yeager

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: Berg, Holmes, Kraham, Krey, Yeager

Nays: None

Charles Street Grade. The Traffic Division received a copy of the attached correspondence, directed to the City Engineer Phil Krey and Public Works Commissioner Gary Holmes from First District Councilman Jerry Motsavage, at the May 15 Traffic Board meeting regarding a safety issue on Charles St. between Field St. and May St. At issue is the deteriorating sidewalk that leads through this section of Charles St., an area that includes a steep grade and sharp turn in the roadway. This street leads to First Ward Park which draws many children to its playground, swimming pool and ball field. The complainant, Jim Worhach, addressed his concern in the attached correspondence to Councilman Motsavage

that with the sub-par sidewalk condition, which he included photos in the correspondence, many pedestrians walk in the roadway. He also related his concerns regarding the lack of signage alerting motorists of the sharp turns and grade.

The Traffic Division responded to the area to review these concerns. The first concern, the Park Speed Zone, was noted and addressed in a separate IDC for the Traffic Board for its June meeting.

The second concern, the steep grade and sharp turn on Charles St., previously mentioned, was reviewed by the Traffic Division and referring to the NYS Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices recommends that the street be posted as follows:

Install a Left Reverse Turn sign (W1-3L) to alert motorist of two sharp turns in opposite directions separated by a tangent of less than 600 feet for:

- (a) North bound traffic on Charles St. at the north east corner of the West End Ave. Extension facing south
- (b) South bound traffic on Charles St. at the south west corner of May St. facing north.

A Hill sign (W7-1a) posting with an advisory speed plaque (W13-1P) of 15 miles per hour for north bound Traffic on Charles St. in advance of the Left Reverse Turn sign may also be recommended.

Install a Large Left Turn Arrow sign (W1-6L) at the base of the steep grade visible to north bound traffic on Charles St. directing them to turn left at the turn.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Yeager to install curve signs.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: Berg, Holmes, Kraham, Krey, Yeager

Nays: None

Charles Street and Grace Street - The Traffic Division received the attached memo from Councilman Jerry Motsavage, First District, to reverse the parking regulation on Charles Street between Grace Street and Field Street. At present time in that area parking is allowed on the east side of the street and parking is prohibited on the west side of the street. This request would allow the residents to park in front of the homes. There would be no access prohibitions created by moving the parking off the east side of the street. The Traffic Division therefore request that the Traffic Code be amended as follows:

Amendment to the Traffic Code:

<u>Delete:</u>	Section 23	No Parking Anytime
	Charles Street – West Side	From Grace Street to Field Street.
	Charles Street – East Side	From 476 north of Murphy Avenue to 750 north.
	Charles Street – Both Sides	From Field Street to May Street.

<u>Insert:</u>	Section 23	No Parking Anytime
	Charles Street – East Side	From 476 north of Murphy Avenue to West Street extension.
	Charles Street – East Side	From West Street extension to Seymour Street.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Yeager

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: Berg, Holmes, Kraham, Krey, Yeager

Nays: None

Hawley Street – Handicapped Parking. The City Engineer, Phil Krey, forwarded the attached correspondence which he received from Dan Cullins and the Southern Tier Independence Center to the Traffic Division for a review of the designated Handicapped Parking Zone on the north side of Hawley Street in front of the Broome County Justice Building,

Hawley Street. Mr. Cullins indicated that one of the two spaces at that location does not meet the standards set under the New York State and the Americans with Disabilities Act Laws which indicate that a handicapped van with lift must have access on the passenger side of the vehicle for the wheel chair occupant to be lifted out of the van.

Members of the Binghamton Traffic Board and Engineers Office as well as the Binghamton Municipal Traffic Study Group met with Mr. Cullins and STIC at that location to access the complaint. Regarding the west most space near the entrance to the Justice Building it was agreed that the lift drop area was not accessible with the reverse back in parking requirement. If a space was designated for access for the lift on the passenger side of the vehicle with the back in regulation still required there would be a safety issue for the wheel chair pedestrian, There is no accessible curb cut for the wheel chair. The pedestrian would have to go around the front of the van and into a traffic lane to get to the cross walk and curb cut on the driver's side of the van.

Also, the east most space for handicapped parking does have a designated lift space available on the passenger side of the van and the wheel-chair bound pedestrian does have immediate access to the crosswalk and curb cut to get to the sidewalk. As demonstrated by Mr. Cullins the problem is the architectural layout. With him backing in and at an angle as required for parking in this area Mr. Cullins lift from the van was obstructed by the curb. The lift could not sit flat on the roadway for the wheelchair to move off the lift.

After a review of the above indicated complaints it was agreed upon to reconfigure the parking area on the north side of Hawley Street between Collier St and Exchange for the handicapped spaces and make those spaces parallel to the curb line and present it to the Traffic Board for approval.

The Traffic Division therefore recommends that the Traffic Code be amended as follows:

Amendment to the Traffic Code:

Delete

Section 22.3C Handicapped Parking Zone

Hawley Street North Side - From 41 feet east of Collier St. to 63 feet east.

Hawley Street North Side - From 171 feet east of Collier St. to 193 feet east.

Hawley Street North Side - From 52 feet east of Collier St. to 63 feet east. (reversed back in parking)

Hawley Street North Side - From 181 feet east of Collier St. to 196 feet east. (reversed back in parking).

Section 22.1 Police Vehicles and Jail Services only.

Hawley Street North Side From 196 feet east of Collier St. to 239 feet east. (Reversed back in parking).

Section 23 No Parking Anytime

Hawley Street North Side From 129 feet east of Collier St. to 171 feet east.

Hawley Street North Side From 283 feet east of Collier St. to 331 feet east.

Hawley Street North Side From 137 feet east of Collier St. to 181 feet east.

Hawley Street North Side From 294 feet east of Collier St. to 331 feet east.

Section 45 Two Hour Parking Meter Zone

Hawley Street North Side From 63 feet east of Collier St. to 137 east. (Reversed back in parking).

Hawley Street North Side From 239 feet east of Collier St. to 294 feet east. (Reversed back in parking).

Insert:

Section 22.3C Handicapped Parking Zone

Hawley Street North Side From 108 feet east of Collier St. to 132 feet east.

Hawley Street North Side From 170 feet east of Collier St. to 194 feet east.

Section 45 Two Hour Parking Meter Zone

Hawley Street North Side From 52 feet east of Collier St. to 108 east. (Reversed back in parking).
Hawley Street North Side From 232 feet east of Collier St. to 292 feet east. (Reversed back in parking).

Section 23 No Parking Anytime

Hawley Street North Side From 132 feet east of Collier St. to 170 feet east.
Hawley Street North Side From 292 feet east of Collier St. to 331 feet east.

Section 22.1 Police Vehicles and Jail Services only.

Hawley Street North Side From 207 feet east of Collier St. to 232 feet east. (Reversed back in parking).

Moved by Berg, seconded by Krey

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: Berg, Holmes, Kraham, Krey, Yeager

Nays: None

Exchange Street. With the recent completion of the Court Street roundabout project the Traffic Division, upon reviewing that area affected by its insertion, request that the Traffic Code be amended for Exchange Street as follows:

Amendment to the Traffic Code:

Delete:

Section 22.2B Handicapped Parking Zone –
Exchange Street East Side - From 13 feet north of Congdon Place to 35 feet north.

Section 23 No Parking Anytime
Exchange Street East Side – From 233 feet north of Congdon Place to Court Street

Section 22. Loading Zone
Exchange Street East Side – From 135 feet north of Congdon Street to 233 feet north

Section 43. Two Hour Parking Meter Zone –
East Side - from 35 feet north of Congdon Place to 135 feet north.
East Side - from Congdon Place to Court Street.

Insert:

Section 22.2B Handicapped Parking Zone
Exchange Street East Side – From 114 feet north of Congdon Place to 136 feet north.

Section 23 No Parking Anytime
Exchange Street East Side – From 247 feet north of Congdon Place to Court Street

Section 22. Loading Zone
Exchange Street East Side – From 136 feet north of Congdon Street to 247 feet north

Section 43 Two Hour Parking Meter Zone –
Exchange Street East Side - from 13 feet north of Congdon Place to 114 feet north.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Krey

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: Berg, Holmes, Kraham, Krey, Yeager

Nays: None

39 Baxter Street. Mr Chris Sinicki requested that a Deaf Child Area Sign be placed in front of his home for his 11 year old daughter. Mr. Correll and Officer Lescault reported that they went to 49 Baxter Street by mistake because this was the original address they were given. Therefore they measured the wrong location and will need to re-measure the area.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Holmes

Motion carried, pending revised measurements on correct location. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: Berg, Holmes, Kraham, Krey, Yeager

Nays: None

Stanley Street/Clinton Street. Stanley Street is a one-way street, and Councilman Motsavage reported that Residents state that the corner of Stanley and Clinton St is dangerous because the building blocks the view towards Glenwood Ave and they are afraid someone may get hit on the sidewalk. They are requesting that some type of mirror can be installed. Mr. Correll reported that he conducted an incident review for this area for the past three years and found that there were no accidents for this reason. He and Officer Lescault reported that the visibility appears to be acceptable. Therefore they recommend that this request be denied based on their findings. Mr. Kraham will let the residents know of this decision.

206 Robinson Street. Ms. McCullen informed the Traffic Board that this building is being demolished for a new parking lot for a church and they are requesting a new curb cut be installed off Robinson Street. It will be a one way enter and one way exit onto the site via the new curb cut on Robinson. Traffic will look at this today, Monday, June 30th.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Yeager

Motion carried, pending based on Traffic's recommendations. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: Berg, Holmes, Kraham, Krey, Yeager

Nays: None

Moeller/Robinson Street. Ms. McCullen reported that a gas station is being demolished and rebuilt. There are currently two curb cuts on the Robinson side. The other one on Moeller is longer. They would like to eliminate the one on Robinson closest to Moeller and are proposing the 11 of 31 feet of Moeller be a mountable curb.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Yeager to approve variance cut.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: Berg, Holmes, Kraham, Krey, Yeager

Nays: None

120 Hawley Street. Ms. McCullen reported that the new Southern Tier High Technology Incubator has requested that a new curb cut be placed across the street on Lisle Street. Ms. McCullen also recommended that a crosswalk be placed at Hawley onto Centenary since there will probably be heavy foot traffic from the building. Traffic will look into this and report back at the July meeting on Thursday, July 17.

Moved by Krey to install a new curb cut at this location, seconded by Berg.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: Berg, Holmes, Kraham, Krey, Yeager

Nays: None

197-203 Court Street. Ms. McCullen reported that several buildings at this location are being torn down for a new parking lot. The V.A. Outpatient Clinic is requesting that new curb cut be placed on Court Street (2 way), 2 on Pine (2 way) and 1 on Fayette (2 way)

Moved by Berg to install 4 new curb cuts pending the trip counts, seconded by Krey.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-0-0)

Ayes: Berg, Holmes, Kraham, Krey, Yeager

Nays: None

Temporary Signs for MacArthur School at St. Thomas Church. Councilman Berg will verify with Councilman Mihalko if it is the church or school that is requesting the signs. Councilman Berg will report back to Traffic Board at the July Meeting on Thursday, July 17.

Avon Road. Ms. Rosemary Mahoney requested that employees from the local Dentist's office who are parking on Avon Road obey the parking time limits and if not, police should enforce them by ticketing. Traffic will inform the dentist office that all cars parked on Avon will be chalked and ticketed. Mr. Kraham will let Ms. Mahoney know that Traffic will be taking care of this issue.

Washington Street and Hawley Street intersection-pedestrian crosswalks. Mr. Kraham reported that there is concern about pedestrians crossing at this intersection because there are no crosswalk lights currently installed. Mr. Holmes will look into this further and report back at the July meeting on Thursday, July 17. Mr. Krey will report back as well.

Phelps Park. Mr. Kraham requested that 25 MPH park speed limit signs be placed at Phelps Park (600 State Street). Traffic will look into this and report back at the July meeting on Thursday, July 17.

Chapin Street and Leroy Street. Request by unknown individual for a stop light at this intersection for pedestrian safety. BMTS is still in the process of conducting their traffic light study. Mr. Kraham will contact the individual and let them know.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 11:16am.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Holmes.

Voice vote, none opposed.